

Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on May 7, 2010, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, in Montgomery, Alabama with the Board chair and secretary present. Board chair Teresa Young called the meeting to order at 9:34 a. m.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District V member Teresa Young – Board Chair

District I member Sharon Argiro – Board Vice Chair

District III member Leisa Askew- Board Secretary

District IV member Paula Johnson

District II member Janet Rawls

District VII member James Ware

District VI member Mandy Andrews

Executive Director Brenda Holden and Assistant Attorney General Ellen Leonard were also present. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

**Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes from the previous Board meeting was distributed and reviewed. Corrections were made and will be reflected on the ASBSWE website. A motion was made to accept the amended minutes by Paula Johnson as they stand with corrections. James Ware seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Board Business:**

- a. Mrs. Holden stated that there are five complaints that are outstanding. One complaint is on Ms. Holden's desk, one complaint is waiting on Ms. Leonard to write a charge letter, and three complaints are waiting for Board member review and recommendation. There is one complaint that was just received on 05/06/2010 and has not yet been processed. Mrs. Holden reported that out of the five complaints, the Board investigator is actively working on one case, another case will be investigated as soon as all documentation has been received, and two complaints are waiting on a response from the licensees.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees.
- c. Applicant Lasandra Judkins provided additional information as previously requested by the Board. The information was reviewed and discussed. Paula Johnson made a motion for Ms. Judkins to sit for the licensure exam. Mandy Andrews seconded the motion and the motion was approved by affirmative votes of Teresa Young, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Janet Rawls abstained from voting.
- d. Applicant Chaquinta Pendleton was previously requested to provide letters of recommendation. These letters were reviewed and discussed by the Board. James Ware made a motion to accept the letters of recommendation and that Ms. Pendleton be allowed to sit for the licensure exam. Janet Rawls seconded the motion and the motion was approved by affirmative votes of Teresa Young, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Mandy Andrews abstained from voting.

**New Board Business:**

- a. Teresa Young stated that she has not been rescheduled to speak at the NASW chapter in north Alabama. She has been asked to speak at the Coosa Valley NASW meeting on May 26 in Anniston. Ms. Young will also be on the panel for continuing education at the spring ASWB meeting in Charleston on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Holden spoke at the Alabama Society of Health Care Social Work Conference and the Alabama Gerontology Society Conference. She will also present at the ASWB spring meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Janet Rawls represented the Board during a presentation at the Alabama Conference of Social Work in February.
- b. Rita L. Smith-Bates requested to sit for the LBSW exam. Mrs. Holden stated that Ms. Smith-Bates wanted to be here for the Board meeting, but was not informed in time to make arrangements. Mandy

Andrews made a motion to go into executive session for ten minutes to discuss the good name and character of Ms. Smith-Bates. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion for executive session was approved by affirmative votes by Teresa Young, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, James Ware, and Mandy Andrews. Ms. Young called the Board into executive session at 10:00 a. m. Paula Johnson made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:22. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion for executive session to end was approved by affirmative votes by Teresa Young, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, James Ware, and Mandy Andrews. Sharon Argiro made a motion for Ms. Smith-Bates to obtain three letters of reference from a pastor, past employer and professor. James Ware seconded the motion. The Board reviewed and discussed. Janet Rawls made a motion for Ms. Smith-Bates to provide three letters of reference to be submitted by May 31, 2010. The reference letters should be from a field instructor or professor, past employer, and licensed social worker. If sufficient, the executive director can approve Ms. Smith-Bates to sit for the LBSW exam. Sharon Argiro withdrew her previous motion and seconded the motion made by Janet Rawls. The motion was approved by affirmative votes by Teresa Young, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, James Ware, and Mandy Andrews.

- c. James Ware provided information from the Board committee for concerning the issue of Alabama social workers licensed as LCSW making diagnoses. The committee is composed of Mr. Ware, Mandy Andrews, and Sharon Argiro. The Board reviewed and discussed the committee findings. Mrs. Brenda Holden stated that she has been appointed to the NASW committee to review the issue. Ms. Holden will keep the Board posted concerning this matter.

\*\* Board chair Teresa Young called a recess of the Board meeting at 10:55 a. m. for the public hearing scheduled for 11:00 a. m.

\*\* Ms. Young called the Board back into the regular meeting at 11:26 a. m.

- d. Raphael Jackson's application for LBSW was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Janet Rawls made a motion for Mr. Jackson to be allowed to sit for the LBSW exam. Mandy Andrews second the motion. The motion was approved by affirmative votes by Teresa Young, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, and Mandy Andrews. Sharon Argiro abstained from voting and James Ware was out of the room during vote.

\*\*Let the minutes reflect that Teresa Young excused herself from the meeting at 12:15 p. m. prior to the review of the PIP applications.

#### PIP Applications:

- a. Linda M. Bowman was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- b. Marilyn S. Jackson was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- c. Sheenia B. Little was approved for Social Casework and Social Administration. She was denied Clinical Social Work.
- d. John E. Pinion was approved for Social Casework and denied for Clinical Social Work, Community Organization, Social Work Research, and Social Work Administration.
- e. Mia D. Henry was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- f. Naren C. Leopard was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- g. Teresa L. Young was approved for Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration.
- h. Debra St. Charles-Keele was approved for Social Casework and denied Social Work Administration.
- i. Jean E. McGuire was approved for Clinical Social Work.
- j. James W. Sellers was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.

#### Old Board Buisness:

- a. Renita Davis responded to a letter from the Board dated September 26, 2001. The Board reviewed and discussed this issue. Janet Rawls made a motion for Ms. Davis to submit an updated application. Leisa Askew second the motion. The motion was approved by affirmative votes by Teresa Young, Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Janet Rawls, James Ware, Sharon Argiro and Mandy Andrews.

- b. Ms. Carol Adams' appeal to the Board for CEU approval was reviewed and discussed. Board co-chair Sharon Argiro will compose a letter of response.
- c. The Board agreed that Ms. Mindi Wilkins-Amberson can continue her current supervision.

\*\* Let the minutes reflect that Ms. Ellen Leonard excused herself from the meeting at this time.

- d. Ms. Whitney McNeil was approved by the Board for a one-time continuing education waiver for her LBSW.
- e. Mr. Adam Marion request for community-based family program. The Board reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Holden will follow up with Mr. Adams and the Board will review at the next meeting.
- f. Ms. Alice Willis was approved by the Board for a one-time continuing education waiver for her LBSW.
- g. The Board agreed that Mr. Drayton Homes will not need additional supervision.
- h. The Board was in agreement that Ms. Angela Dean does not need to repeat her supervision.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2010 in the Board Conference Room. Mandy Andrews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Rawls second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p. m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Teresa Young, LCSW

Leisa Askew, LBSW